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Dear Mr. Wilbur:

I appreciate your writing to me rather than telephoning, and am pleased that you recall my seminar at the University of Chicago. I also appreciate all that you have accomplished in your long career.

However, as my wife explained to you, I have never had any doubt about Oswald's killing of President Kennedy, not since the first announcement. Not having any bigotry about the South, I did not blame "Dallas." I learned very quickly that Oswald had been a Marine, but had never learned to drive a car; that alone made him seem odd to me. It would be less odd if he had come from New York, but he came, as you know, from Louisiana. In my own retirement, I retain many interests. But an interest in conspiracy theories vis-à-vis the Kennedy assassination is not one of them.

Incidentally, I also saw the article by William Safire in the New York Times, and the subsequent letter.

With regret that I cannot help, and good wishes,

Sincerely,

David Riesman

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